

Leeds Brethren in Christ Church

Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 October 2024

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Leeds Brethren in Christ Church
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE 4 Bawn Drive
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GOVERNING DOCUMENT Declaration of Trust dated 12 February 2012
amended 7 May 2022

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1149124

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR
MANAGING THE CHARITY Simayedwa Davidson-Page
Cassandra Masuku
Sehliselo Msipha (resigned December 2024)
Samuel Mnyama
Nkosana Mlilo
Sithandile Naledi Ncube (resigned December 2024)
Douglas Ncube
Timothy Masuku
Bongeka Dube
Brighton Zulu (appointed December 2024)
Prince Limon (appointed December 2024, resigned April 2025)
Philani Nkala (appointed April 2025)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER Sarah Crispin ACA
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Leeds Brethren in Christ Church
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Objects of the charity

The charity, which is a church, is governed by a constitution and is constituted as a trust. The charity's principal objects, as set out in its governing document, are:

- a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs;
- b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support;
- c) to advance education;
- d) to partner in community events and offer relief to the best of the Church's ability and use these as opportunities to minister.

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

- 1. Continued to hold regular normal church services,
- 2. Held special revival, holy communion and baptism services,
- 3. The church also held special services for the community,
- 4. The church also held joint services with other Christian groups in aid of the community,
- 5. Continued to provide support, food parcels for the community and the elderly and community involved meal,
- 6. Continued to provide money to assist those in financial hardship.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

During the year income increased by £1,902 compared to the previous year, to £37,853. Gift aid for the financial year 23/24 is yet to be claimed. Expenditure decreased by £2,936 to £19,884. The cash held by the charity increased by £17,969 to £146,516, of which £80,356 is unrestricted general funds and can be used for any charitable purpose.

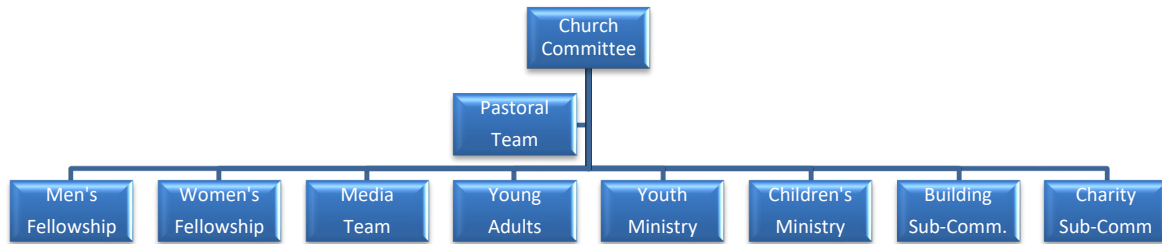
Reserves policy

The trustees do not have a formal reserves policy, but they consider that the unrestricted cash levels of £80k are sufficient to ensure that the charity can continue to operate in the coming year.

Governance

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. Responsibility for the day to day operation of the charity has been delegated to a senior management team led by the Chairperson of the trustees. New trustees are recruited and appointed by the charity members, the church, by a majority vote.

Organisational structure



Relationships with other charities and related parties

1. Occasional joint services with other branches of the BICC throughout the UK,
2. Occasional joint services with other churches within the Leeds,
3. Partnerships with other local charities and community groups.

Risk statement

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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Date: Aug 14, 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF

Leeds Brethren in Christ Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Leeds Brethren in Christ Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 October 2024 on pages 5 to 7 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Sarah Crispin

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Date: Aug 21, 2025

Leeds Brethren in Christ Church
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

		Unrestricted Funds				
		General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
Notes		£	£	£	£	£
Income receipts						
Donations		31,980	-	2,519	34,499	32,190
Gift aid receipts		-	-	-	-	-
Conference contributions		1,760	-	-	1,760	2,425
Interest		-	-	938	938	642
Other		656	-	-	656	693
Total receipts		34,396	-	3,457	37,853	35,951
Payments						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	19,884	-	-	19,884	22,821
Total payments		19,884	-	-	19,884	22,821
Net of receipts / (payments) before		14,512	-	3,457	17,969	13,130
Transfers between funds	4	(19,325)	19,325	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(4,813)	19,325	3,457	17,969	13,130
Cash funds as at last year end		85,169	-	43,378	128,547	115,416
Cash funds at this year end	A	80,356	19,325	46,835	146,516	128,546

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

Leeds Brethren in Christ Church
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted funds	2024	2023
		General funds	Designated funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds						
Cash at bank with immediate access		80,356	19,325	46,835	146,516	128,458
Petty cash		-	-	-	-	89
		80,356	19,325	46,835	146,516	128,547
B Other monetary assets						
Gift aid due to charity		21,367	-	-	21,367	5,111
		21,367	-	-	21,367	5,111
C Liabilities						
Falling due within one year						
Fee for Independent Examination		2,076	-	-	2,076	1,860
Accrued expenses		900	-	-	900	1,925
		2,976	-	-	2,976	3,785
D Assets retained for charity's own use						

The charity owns a number of items in the following categories, none of which individually have a material value:

Music and PA equipment
Computers and IT

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly					
Pastors' costs	3,580	-	-	3,580	4,380
Rent	2,565	-	-	2,565	1,480
Church events	2,137	-	-	2,137	1,984
Other ministry costs	5,948	-	-	5,948	10,106
Brethren in Christ Church contributions	2,110	-	-	2,110	2,495
Charity fund	1,257	-	-	1,257	1,250
IT costs	1,098	-	-	1,098	757
Insurance	350	-	-	350	369
Independent examination	840	-	-	840	-
	<u>19,884</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,884</u>	<u>22,821</u>

3 Transactions with related parties

Rev Douglas Ncube and Rev Timothy Masuku served as church leaders and were paid £2,310 (2023: £2,640) and £960 (2023: £1,180) respectively as a pastoral allowance for serving in that capacity, not for serving as trustees; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

Nkosana Milo served as an evangelist and was paid £240 (2023: £240) and Samuel Mnyama served as a Deacon and was paid £nil (2023: £320) as a pastoral allowance for serving in these capacities, not for serving as trustees; these payments are permitted by the charity's governing document.

4 Movement of funds

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	85,169	34,396	(19,884)	(19,325)	80,356
Designated funds					
Building Fund	-	-	-	19,325	19,325
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,325</u>	<u>19,325</u>
Restricted funds					
Building Fund	43,378	3,457	-	-	46,835
	<u>43,378</u>	<u>3,457</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,835</u>
Total funds	<u>128,547</u>	<u>37,853</u>	<u>(19,884)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>146,516</u>

The designated Building Fund is money set aside from general funds by the trustees for the future purchase of a building.

The restricted Building Fund is money raised for the future purchase of a building